Mr. Kottoor Kunjukrishna Pillai (*Quilon cum Kunnattur*): May I know how long is it since the enquiry has begun?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: Preliminary enquiries were begun at the end of last year. But more intensive investigations were conducted only two months back.

Supply of electric power from Pallivasal.

42. ***Mr. James Fletcher:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they supply electric power for Quilon and Alwaye from Pallivasal;

(*b*) if so, what steps have been taken to dispose of the existing generating plants at Quilon and Alwaye, which have become unnecessary; and

(*c*) whether they propose to extend the Pallivasal Electric Supply to Trivandrum?

Mr. K. P. Padmanabha Menon: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) It is not proposed to dispose of the plant at Quilon and Alwaye now, since they are to be kept as stand-by in the event of the demand for power exceeding the present capacity of the plant now installed at Pallivasal. The plant will however be available for disposal when the extension of the generating station at Pallivasal is carried out.

(*c*) Yes, in due course.

Defalcation in the Trivandrum Electric Supply Division.

43. ***Mr. James Fletcher:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount of loss incurred by the Government because of defalcations in accounts in the Trivandrum Electric Supply Division;

(*b*) what was the duration of months during which defalcation of accounts has been detected;

(*c*) who were the officers that should have checked the accounts and prevented the defalcation during that period of time; and

(*d*) what action has been taken against such officers?

Mr. K. Padmanabha Menon: (*a*) The amount of defalcation detected as a result of the audit of the accounts of the Trivandrum Electric Supply is Rs. 7,452-7-4.

(*b*) The defalcation is spread over the period 1111 M. E. to Meenom 1114 M. E.

(*c*) The Executive Engineer, Electrical Division and the Superintendent, Trivandrum Electric Supply, who were in office from time to time during the period.

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